| S.No. | Proposals | Status |
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| 2. | Installation of solar lighting systems in 40 villages in Jorhat and Lakhimpur districts.. | Under Consideration |
| 3. | Solar photovoltaic electrification of some villages in Sibsagar district and in Bodoland Autonomous Council areas. | Under Consideration |

**Family type biogas plants**

1121. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly ninety per cent of the family type biogas plants were untraceable and out of the installed biogas plants very few were found in working condition;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have investigated the matter and punished those, found invovled; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Under the Central Sector Scheme — National Project on Biogas Development, which caters to setting up of family type biogas plants and is being implemented since 1982-83 in all States and Union Territories, the problem of untraceable plants has been found recently in certain areas involving three organizations only. About 29 per cent untraceable plants were noticed in district Puri, Orissa relating to Khadi and Village Industries Commission for the years 1996-97 and 1997-98. The Madhya Pradesh State Agro Industries Development Corporation Limtied (MPSAIDC) has recorded 0.06 per cent untraceable plants spread in 10 districts relating to the years 1983-84 to 2001-02 (up to January, 2002). About 58 per cent untraceable plants were noticed in

Haryana relating to All India Women's Conference (AIWC) for 1999-2000. The main reason for this problem was inadequate measures taken at the block level to conduct proper physical verification of all reported plants before disbursing Central subsidy.

The Programme Evaluation Organisation, Planning Commission, which conducted the latest evaluation survey study in 19 States in the year 2000-2001, reported recently that on an average at the national level about 87.3 per cent of the installed plants were in working condition. The remaining 3.6 per cent plants were found incomplete and 9.1 per cent plants were dismantled due to the use of poor quality construction materials, improper construction of plants, natural calamities caused structural damages to plants and lack of interest in operating and maintaining the plants properly.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Government have examined and ordered KVIC's case to be referred to the Central Bureau of Investigation. The Government have also asked KVIC and AIWC, the implementing agencies concerned, to initiate disciplinary action against the staff of these organizations found responsible for the irregularities. MPSAIDC has been asked to initiate departmental enquiry against the staff involved.

**Non-distribution of funds under APDP scheme**

1122. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that funds have not been distributed under the "Accelerated Power Development Programme" scheme despite the sanction of Rs. 1,500 crore in this financial year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to review the working of National Hydro Electric Power Corporation on account of its inability to spend the amount they have sought from the Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.